

Stone County Library

Regular Board Meeting

January 16, 2020

Beginning Time: 3:04

Ending Time: 4:29

The Board of Trustees of the Stone County Library met in regular session on Thursday, January 16, 2020. The meeting was called to order by President George Scott. Those present were George Scott, Angie Evans, Jim Huy, and Steve Seaton. Pam Sheridan was present via phone.

The minutes from the previous meetings (regular and special) were reviewed. Mr. Huy made a motion to approve the minutes from both meetings. Ms. Evans seconded the motion. All in favor. **Motion carried.**

The treasurer's report was shared. The balance for the treasurer's cash at the end of December was \$651,003.76 and the building reserve was at \$196,938.46.

Discussion about being over budget of \$64,000. Concerns about construction cost only covering construction and not incidentals. Mr. Scott and Mr. Huy suggested searching out loans at local banks to cover incidentals. Mr. Scott and Mr. Huy said they would meet with representatives from banks once Ms. Payne gives them an amount needed. Ms. Evans made motion to approve treasurer's report. Mr. Huy seconded the motion. All in favor. **Motion carried.**

Librarian's report. Stats were off for computers due to switching systems. Concerns were expressed about decrease in patron visits at Crane. No motion needed.

Eye: Ms. Payne informed the board that she met with J.D. Settles regarding a library in Blue Eye. He suggested we step back. He informed Ms. Payne that the city council is in favor 3 to 1 of donating the empty portion of the lot at libraries present location to build a new building. He also suggested expansion of the building as a possible avenue. Concerns of expansion are who pays for construction and whether or not we would still rent. Mr. Scott and Mr. Huy do not think the expansion would be workable. Ms. Payne expressed concern over limited space and outgrowing building. She plans to look into a grant with the Federal government that pays for incorporating a storm shelter and helps with construction costs. Mr. Huy made a motion for Ms. Payne inform the owner of Ziggy's and Mr. Thurlow that the board is no longer interested in their properties. Ms. Evans seconded the motion. All in favor. **Motion carried.**

Crane: Lead paint removal led the discussion. Mr. Scott feels it should have fallen under the architects and contractor responsibilities. Mr. Huy remembers it being brought up by the architect that it would be cheaper for the library to seek bids and repair. Ms. Evans was in agreement with Mr. Huy's statement. Ms. Evans made the motion to accept the bid from Gerkin to remove the lead paint and spray a protective barrier. Mr. Huy seconded the motion. All in favor. **Motion carried.** Ms. Payne, also, mentioned the tuck and point amount is around \$20,000 and has been accounted for in the budget.

Galena: Knight Heating and Air Services was called out to repair HVAC unit. They replaced fuses, contactors, and a control panel. Bill is pending. Ms. Payne expressed the community need of a Special Needs program in conjunction with the Health Department and Patty as the coordinator. Mr. Scott suggested getting with the disability board to promote the program. Ms.

Evans, also, suggested a group called Link-ability. Ms. Payne met with the commissioners and Commissioner Maples asked for board members to join Ms. Payne at the February Commissioners meeting. Ms. Payne discussed a health insurance option that she learned about at the recent director's meeting. Many small libraries join their local chamber of commerce which allows them to join their consortium. Mr. Huy cautioned Ms. Payne about joining the Chamber of Commerce to ensure it is access to healthcare insurance purposes only and not as a political affiliation. Ms. Payne also discussed the possible new legislation regarding censoring programs and materials. Librarians and staff could be charged with a misdemeanor if materials are checked out to a minor. Ms. Payne, also, reported that she received the SRP grant of \$4,931.00.

Other Business: Ms. Payne reported that FOTL is coming together. They are just waiting on paperwork to be approved. Mr. Scott said he would like for all the Board members to have a copy of by-laws, EIN, and 501C3.

Next regular meeting: February 20, 2020 at 1:00 pm.

Ms. Evans made motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Huy seconded the motion. All in favor.  
**Motion carried.**

Respectfully,

Rebecca Payne, Director